

CHAPTER VI

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270. Origin and motives. Slavery is a thing in the mores which is not well covered by our definition. Slavery does not arise in the folkways from the unconscious experimentation of individuals who have the same need which they desire to satisfy, and who try in separate acts to do it as well as they can. It is rather due to ill feeling towards members of an out-group, to desire to get something for nothing, to the love of dominion which belongs to vanity, and to hatred of labor. "The simple wish to use the bodily powers of another person, as a means of ministering to one's own ease or pleasure, is doubtless the foundation of slavery, and as old as human nature." / " There is an extraordinary power of tyranny invested in the chiefs of tribes and nations of men that so vastly outweighs the

analogous
power possessed by the leaders of animal herds
as to rank as a

¹ Maine, *Anc. Law*, 164.
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